

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:

Application of:

Eric Labarriere et al.

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TERMINAL END-PIECE FOR A FUEL ASSEMBLY

HAVING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING

THE ENDS OF RODS AND CORRESPONDING

ASSEMBLY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.